

Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - May 2006

Regular Retirement and Survivor Benefits

Benefit payments	<u>May 2006</u>	<u>May 2005</u>
Total	\$785,108,000	\$761,960,000
Retired employees	512,485,000	493,432,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	93,573,000	90,799,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	156,275,000	155,423,000
Other survivors	22,775,000	22,306,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security May 2006	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total	587,800	.....	2,300	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	280,300	\$1,813	900	\$2,262	.....	.....
Age	196,200	1,772	² 200	² 2,879	\$1,007	³ \$1,322
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over	34,400	1,619	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	49,700	2,110	400	2,351	943	995
Spouses and divorced spouses	139,100	665	700	783	485	361
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	141,100	1,106	500	1,482	954	771
Widowed mothers and fathers	900	1,402	<u>4</u>	1,150	720	708
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	14,600	738	100	781	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Children	11,700	828	<u>4</u>	1,091	660	657
Other survivors	<u>4</u>	802	.....	.....	.....	.....

Supplemental Employee Annuities	Benefit payments		Being paid end of month		Awarded in month	
	<u>May 2006</u>	<u>May 2005</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>
	\$5,090,000	\$5,133,000	121,600	\$42	300	\$41

¹Railroad retirement benefits shown are net of reduction for social security benefit entitlement.

²For employees retiring directly from the railroad industry with full age annuity (their years of service averaged 34); about 300 other age annuities were awarded in the month.

³For men aged 65 or over insured on regular basis.

⁴Fewer than 50.

⁵Remarried and divorced widow(er)s included with aged and disabled widow(er)s and widowed mothers and fathers.

Note. --Data are on a cash basis (unaudited) and are partly estimated. Detail may not add to totals due to rounding. Regular retirement and survivor benefit payments total includes hospital insurance benefits for services in Canada.

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Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

Number of beneficiaries during month	Average payment		
	Per 2-week registration period	Per full week	
Unemployment	2,000	\$474	\$273
Sickness	5,300	484	277
		Benefit payments	
		May 2006	May 2005
Total		\$5,951,000	\$5,473,000
Unemployment		1,978,000	1,800,000
Sickness		3,973,000	3,673,000

Note. --Data are on a cash basis (unaudited). Detail may not add to totals due to rounding.

